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Chapter 2. Environmental Policy

NASA Policy on Environmental Quality and Control, 14 CFR, subpart 1216.1, expresses NASA's commitment to the broad statement of national environmental policy expressed by Congress in the National Environmental Policy Act. This policy is available to both the public and the NASA community through web pages including <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/cfr-table-search.html>. The CFR subpart defines NASA policy to protect and enhance the quality of the environment. The policy also establishes broad responsibilities of each NASA employee, NASA organizational element, and appropriate Headquarters and Center organizations and managers.

NASA Policy Directive (NPD) 8500.1, NASA Environmental Management, is NASA's internal environmental policy. This policy is available to both the public and the NASA community through NASA's Web pages and NODIS at <http://nodis3.gsfc.nasa.gov/>, and is consistent with 14 CFR, subpart 1216.1.

NPD 8500.1 includes a hierarchy of NASA Environmental Strategic Plans, Policy Directives, and Procedural Requirements. NPD 8500.1 also includes a commitment to continual improvement and prevention of pollution. NPD 8500.1 also includes a commitment to comply with relevant environmental legislation and regulations and with other requirements to which NASA subscribes. In addition, NPD 8500.1 establishes more specific responsibilities of each NASA employee, each NASA organizational element, and appropriate Headquarters and Center organizations and managers.

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